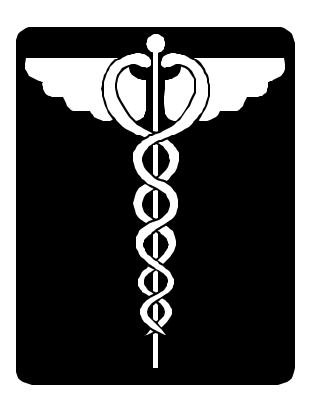
### 2002 Statewide Medical & Health Disaster Exercise

## **Auxiliary Communications Systems EXERCISE GUIDEBOOK**

State of California Emergency Medical Services Authority



**NOVEMBER 14, 2002** 



#### Dear Exercise Participant,

It is time again for the 2002 Statewide Medical and Health Disaster Exercise! This is the California's 4<sup>th</sup> annual exercise, and we continue to expand the number of participants to incorporate hospitals and other healthcare providers (including long-term care facilities and clinics); pre-hospital care providers, auxiliary communication networks, blood banks and local and regional government agencies.

The 2001 exercise dealt with a hazardous materials release requiring decontamination and sheltering in place. In keeping with the previous theme of "man-made" disasters and in addressing the current hazards and threats that confront emergency managers and the healthcare community, the Exercise Planning Committee has designed this year's scenario around a radiological event and exercise.

This year's Statewide Disaster Medical and Health Management Conferences also will be devoted to radiological emergencies. The conferences will be held on October 1<sup>st</sup> in Ontario, October 3<sup>rd</sup> in Commerce and October 15<sup>th</sup> in San Rafael. For more information on the conferences, visit the website at <a href="https://www.creativeeventsolutions.net/disaster">www.creativeeventsolutions.net/disaster</a>.

The 2001 exercise introduced "sheltering-in-place". This year's exercise incorporates "sheltering" again to reinforce the critical policy decisions and procedures involved in its implementation. In addition, this year's scenario includes the treatment of radiologically "contaminated" patients requiring decontamination to emphasize the learning principles from previous exercises.

The Operational Area (county) Exercise Contact is your point of contact for planning, questions and organization for the exercise. Please see pages 32-37 of this guidebook for the listing of Exercise Contacts.

#### **Important Timelines and Deadlines**

#### Healthcare Facilities and Ambulance Providers:

<u>September 13, 2002</u>	Deadline to fax Intent to Participate Form (page 10) to the Operational Area
	Medical/Health Exercise Contact (see list of contacts on pages 32-37).
November 14, 2002	Exercise begins at 0700 am with event occurring at 0800 am.
	During the exercise, agency/facility status reports are due to the Operational Area
	Emergency Operation Centers. See the scenario for timelines.
November 29, 2002	Deadline to complete and mail the appropriate Master Answer Sheet (pages 13 or 17) to
	the California EMS Authority (see address on form) to receive a participation certificate.

#### Amateur Radio and Emergency Auxiliary Communications Systems (ACS):

September 13, 2002	Deadline to fax Intent to Participate Form (page 11) to the Operational Area
	Medical/Health Exercise Contact (see list of contacts on pages 32-37).
November 14, 2002	Exercise begins at 0700 am with event occurring at 0800 am.
	During the exercise, status reports will be radioed to the Joint Emergency Operations
	Center (JEOC) beginning at 1100 am.
November 29, 2002	Deadline to complete and mail the Master Answer Sheet (page 21) to the California EMS
	Authority (see address on form) to receive a participation certificate.

Thank you for your commitment to disaster medical planning and preparedness.



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#### **EXERCISE OBJECTIVES**

#### **Hospital Objectives**

Objective I: (JCAHO EC 1.4 (b) and EC 2.9.1)

Implement the facility's emergency preparedness response plan using a recognized incident command system (preferably HEICS).

Objective II: (JCAHO EC 1.4 (c, d)

Assess the status of your facility and communicate that status to appropriate governmental agencies including the operational area.

Objective III: (JCAHO EC 1.4 (n)

Assess the ability to respond to a hazardous materials incident, including victim decontamination.

Objective IV: (JCAHO EC 1.4 (c, d, m)

Assess back up systems or techniques for addressing loss of primary communication systems. Implement alternate communication systems to contact public/private medical and health officials, including local government, "sister" and other supportive area healthcare facilities or hospitals.

Objective V: (JCAHO EC 1.4 (h, i, j)

Assess the response capability of managing a large influx of patients and facility overcrowding.

#### Objective VI:

Assess the ability of your facility to shelter-in-place as a response strategy to an external hazardous materials threat.

Other Healthcare Facility Objectives (Includes SNF, LTC, psychiatric and clinic facilities)

#### Objective I:

Implement the facility's emergency preparedness response plan preferably using a recognized incident command-based system.

#### Objective II:

Assess the status of your facility and communicate that status to appropriate governmental agencies including the operational area.

#### Objective III:

Assess the ability of your facility to shelter-in-place.

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#### **EXERCISE OBJECTIVES**

#### **Ambulance Objectives**

#### Objective I:

Implement the provider's emergency preparedness response plan using a recognized incident command system.

#### Objective II:

Assess the status of your facility/agency and communicate that status to appropriate governmental agencies including the operational area.

#### Objective III:

Assess the provider's response to a hazardous materials incident.

#### Objective IV:

Utilize alternative communication systems to reach local government medical & health contacts including dispatch and local area hospitals.

#### Objective V:

Assess back-up systems or techniques to handle potential problems associated with at least one system critical to the operation of the service, i.e. alternate routing, equipment failure, flat tires, access to fuel, loss of power, etc.

#### Objective VI:

Assess the ability to manage transport of a large number of victims and coordinate with healthcare facilities and local medical/health contacts.

#### **Auxiliary Communications Systems (ACS) Objectives**

#### Objective I: (Pre-Exercise)

Identify agencies with auxiliary communications radios and ascertain the location of the operators and frequencies utilized.

#### Objective II: (Pre-Exercise)

Coordinate with local amateur radio operators on use of frequencies, protocols and forms used during an exercise/actual event.

#### Objective III: (Exercise)

Test regional/statewide network voice systems and redundant communications in coordination with local amateur radio operators, using established frequencies, protocols, and data collection/reporting forms.

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#### **Blood Bank Objectives**

#### Objective I:

Activate multiple communication systems within the California Blood Bank Society (CBBS) network to communicate blood bank status and blood inventories to the CBBS EOC.

#### Objective II:

The CBBS EOC will communicate blood bank(s) status and blood inventory to the JEOC using multiple communication systems (fax, radio, telephone).

#### **Operational Area (Exercise Contact Objectives)**

#### Objective I:

Assess the operational area's ability to collect timely, accurate and appropriate data from participants.

#### Objective II:

Demonstrate the ability to access and transmit RIMS information to region and state medical and health authorities.

#### Objective III:

Evaluate RIMS system use, appropriateness, accuracy and for actual medical and health response and recovery actions.



#### Exercise Scenario Thursday, November 14, 2002

#### Scenario Simulation Time Line

8:00 A small explosive detonates in the storage area of a local high school. Local dispatch and 9-1-1 is flooded with calls reporting the explosion, injuries and fatalities and requests for help. Local emergency responders are dispatched to the scene.

On approach to the scene, the school principal reports that a call came in to the school office just before the detonation occurred and the caller stated that a "dirty bomb" was going to explode.

- Emergency responders arrive on scene and report student and school personnel evacuating the school and congregating on the basketball courts, approximately 1000 feet from the area of explosion;
- Law enforcement arrives on scene and establishes a secure perimeter of several blocks surrounding the school. Residents within that perimeter are being evacuated.
- Law enforcement, bomb squad and/or hazardous materials teams confirm that there is an unknown amount of radioactive material incorporated into the dispersal device.
- ✓ Victims are found near the area of the explosion including two unconscious with traumatic injuries and one dead.
  - o The two unconscious victims have readings of 2000 counts per minute.
  - This information is communicated to the incident commander
- News reporters and helicopters surround the area. Local law enforcement are contacting the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to establish a "no fly" zone over the area.
- 8:25 Local hospitals receive notification of the event including the radiological contamination and are advised to prepare for possible contaminated victims. The hospitals and EMS personnel are monitoring the media for details of the incident.
- 8:30 Hospitals and healthcare providers activate Emergency Management Plans and hospital emergency operations centers (EOC) and prepare for possible decontamination of arriving patients.
- 8:45 Law enforcement reports that the parents of the school children are congregating at the perimeter lines and are demanding to be let into the area to be with their children.

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8:45 Prehospital providers notify **ALL hospitals** in the area that **each facility** will be receiving at least two (2) radiologically contaminated patients within 15 minutes. The patients that each hospital will receive are described below:

Two unconscious patients are extricated from the area and are loaded into ambulances for transport to the hospital. One patient is a teenager (patient number 1) with shrapnel wounds in the abdomen and the arm, vital signs stable; the other is an adult (patient number 2) with no visible wounds but is bleeding from the nose and ears and has a swollen abdomen with unstable vital signs.

- **8:50** Parents of school children begin arriving at the hospital. Press and media are demanding information.
- 9:00 The contaminated patients arrive at the hospital. Patient number 1 has readings in of 50 millirem/hour (mR/hr) at 2 inches from the shrapnel wounds in the abdomen and 10 mR/hr at 2 inches from the wounds in arm. After removal of the shrapnel and its placement in a shielded container, patient number 1 has contamination readings of 1,000 to 1500 counts per minute (CPM) on the abdomen and 2,000 CPM on the arm. Patient number two has generalized contamination readings of 2,000 CPM with localized contamination readings of 10,000 CPM on his hands.
- **9:10** The Regional Emergency Operations Center, the Joint Emergency Operations Center and the State Operations Center are now open and receiving requests for assistance in the local area.
- 9:30 Another explosion occurs in the community at the telephone network/communications building and all phone service to the hospital and the surrounding area, including the Operational Area Emergency Operations Center (EOC), is disrupted. Auxiliary communications, both internal and external, are activated. This explosion is determined to be free of radiological materials and there are NO injuries or victims reported from this second explosion.
- **9:45** The hospital is notified that there are 15 patients inbound from the school with minor lacerations, abrasions and anxiety. They have been fully evaluated in the field and are not radiological contaminated.

These patients arrive and are able to ambulate to the emergency department without assistance. The patients are all teenagers between the ages of 15 – 18 years old. No serious injuries are noted.

10:00 The local public health officials have determined that a small release of radioactive material has occurred from the school site. Although most hospitals and other agencies and schools are downwind of the release, the local public health department and local Office of Emergency Services recommends sheltering-in-place for the next ½ hour. The expected radiation dose from the release is approximately 30 millirem. This dose is roughly equivalent to a chest x-ray and approximately 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the annual background dose.

#### Exercise Scenario Thursday, November 14, 2002

**10:00** The decision is made to shelter-in-place and orders go out to facility managers to begin the process.

Decisions confronting hospitals, healthcare facilities and all agencies may include:

- ? How secure is the facility to protect patients and staff from people entering without triage or decontamination?
- ? Will you maintain the shelter-in-place order strictly and prohibit the patients and others from entering the facility?
- ? What will you do with the patients and family arriving at your facility that are not related to the school event? For example: A heart attack victim from another area of the community whose condition is unrelated to the event?
- **10:10** Public Health announcements via the public alert system go out to residents advising them to stay indoors, turn off any heat/air conditioning or ventilation systems.
- 10:30 The release of radioactive material has dissipated and the local health officer announces that sheltering-in-place can be discontinued. Fire officials and hazardous materials response teams have identified the radiological substance as <u>Iridium 192</u>. The emergency responders, hospitals and the public are notified.

Reminder to exercise controller, identification of the agent should not be revealed to participants until this point in the exercise.

The media continue to arrive at your agency/facility and are demanding to interview patients and staff.

- **10:35** Phone service has been re-established in the area.
- **11:00** All facilities, agencies and providers report status to the Operational Area.
- 11:30 The Regional Emergency Operations Center begins to receive reports from the Operational Area and relays the information and resource requests to the Joint Emergency Operations Center and the State Operations Center.
- **12:00** Exercise ends.



### INTENT TO PARTICIPATE For ACS, CARES, and RACES Providers

This form must be faxed to the Operational Area (County) Medical/Health Exercise Contact by Friday, September 13, 2002. (See pages 17-22 for listings)

Name of ACS Association:		
ACS Exercise Contact:		
County/Area/Facility Served:		_
Address:		_
City:	Zip:	_
Telephone #:	FAX:	_
Email:		_
Call Sign:		_
Frequencies:		_
Please check appropriate box for your <i>l</i> November 14, 2002.	ACS association/agency participation in the State	wide Exercise,
€ W	/ill participate	
≈ W	/ill not participate	

Please fax this form to the Operational Area (County) Medical/Health Exercise Contact (see pages 17-22 in this manual) by **Friday, September 13, 2002**.



### ACS, Amateur Radio, CARES and RACES MASTER ANSWER SHEET

Complete this **Master Answer Sheet** for responses to the ACS, Amateur Radio, CARES and RACES Exercise Evaluation Form and mail **only this page** to the address below.

Organization Name	e:			
Address:				
City:			Zip:	
Disaster Coordinate	or/Evalu	uator Name:		
Telephone #:			Fax #:	
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Please write comments, suggestions or thoughts about the exercise on reverse side of this answer sheet, attach additional pages as needed. We appreciate your comments!

Mail completed answer sheet by November 29, 2002 to:

California Emergency Medical Services Authority 1930 9<sup>th</sup> Street Sacramento, CA 95814

**Attn: Disaster Exercise** 



6.

Yes

No

Don't know

A. B.

C.

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#### ACS, AMATEUR RADIO, CARES and RACES **EXERCISE EVALUATION QUESTIONS**

This form is to be completed by each participating radio provider.

<ol> <li>Circle the single best answer in (Listed on page 23).         A Region I         B. Region II         C. Region II         D. Region IV         E. Region VI         F. Region VI         G. Don't Know</li> <li>Please circle the single best answer that describes your organization.         A. ACS Radio Volunteer         B. CARES         C. RACES         D. Other: (specify)         S. Did you activate your disaster plan during the exercise?         A. Yes         B. No         C. Don't know</li> <li>Does your disaster plan utilize the Incident Command System (ICS)?         A. Yes         B. No         C. Don't know what ICS is.</li> <li>Did you educate the hospitals and operators in your area about the frequencies, information packet and protocols pre-exercise?         A. Yes         B. No         C. Don't know</li> </ol>	respor Author	nses. B rity. Ce	e attached <b>Master Answer Sheet</b> (page 9) for ACS Radio when recording your e sure to complete every question before submitting the answer sheet to the EMS rtificates of Participation will be provided only upon receipt of the 2002 Exercise Evaluation Master Answer Sheet.
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Did you coordinate, pre-exercise, with local amateur radio operators on frequencies and protocols to use during the November 14<sup>th</sup> exercise?

### ACS, AMATEUR RADIO, CARES AND RACES EXERCISE EVALUATION QUESTIONS

- 7. Did you transmit the hospital information?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Don't know
- 8. Was the transmitted data received and accepted?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Don't know
- 9. Did you activate the regional/statewide network voice systems during the exercise?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Don't know
- 10. Were frequencies and channels open and available for transmission during the exercise?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Don't Know
- 11. How would you evaluate your organization's response to the event and initiation of the disaster plan?
  - A. Excellent, no changes needed in the disaster plan
  - B. Good, minor changes in the system/disaster plan identified
  - C. Fair, moderate changes needed in the system/disaster plan identified
  - D. Needs improvement, substantial disaster plan review and changes identified
- 12. In general, were you satisfied with the November 14<sup>th</sup> Statewide exercise?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Don't know
  - D. N/A
- 13. Additional Comments and Recommendations?

Please write additional comments on the back of the Master Answer sheet and attach additional pages as needed. We appreciate your feedback!

Thank you for your participation with this survey.

#### Please mail the COMPLETED MASTER ANSWER SHEET to:

California Emergency Medical Services Authority 1930 9<sup>th</sup> Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Attn: Disaster Exercise



Auxiliary	The Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) is an emergency communications unit that provides State and local government with a variety of professional unpaid [volunteer] skills, including
Communications	administrative, technical and operational for emergency tactical,
Services	administrative and logistical communications; such as with its
(ACS)	agencies, cities within the Operational Area, neighboring
( 100)	governments, and the State OES Region. Its basic mission is the
	emergency support of civil defense, disaster response, and
	recovery with telecommunications resources and personnel.
California Amateur	CARES is specifically tasked to provide amateur radio
Radio Emergency	communications support for the medical and health disaster
Services (CARES)	response to state government.
00:11000 (07:1120)	The communications exercise is designed to test and evaluate
Communications	communication systems including lines and methods of
Exercise	communication systems including lines and methods of communicating during a disaster. Alternative communication
Excidise	systems can also be tested, including amateur radio, cell, and
	satellite systems, among others.
	Radioactive materials: The reduction or removal of radioactive
	material from a structure, area, person or object. A surface may
Decontamination	be treated, washed down or swept to remove the contamination.
20011141111141011	Isolating the area or object contaminated, and letting the material
	stand can also control contamination.
	Hazardous materials: Decontamination consists of removing
	contaminants or changing their chemical nature to innocuous
	substances.
"Dirty Bomb"	See: Radiological Dispersal Device
-	A condition of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons
	and property caused by such conditions as air pollution, fire,
Emergency	flood, hazardous material incident, storm, epidemic, riot, drought,
	sudden and severe energy shortage, plant or animal infestations
	or disease, the Governor's warning of an earthquake or volcanic
	prediction, or an earthquake or other conditions, other than
	conditions resulting from a labor controversy.
	The organized analysis, planning, decision making, assignment,
Emergency	and coordination to available resources to the mitigation of,
Management	preparedness for, response to, or recovery from emergencies of
	any kind, whether from man-made attack or natural sources.
Emergency	A centralized location from which emergency operations can be
Operations Center	directed and coordinated.
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Exposure versus contamination	Exposure: Subjected to, or exposed to, a contaminant in an unprotected or partially protected manner, but not necessarily contaminated by an agent.  Contamination: Contact with a hazardous or infective agent in an unprotected manner.
Functional Exercise	The functional exercise is an activity designed to test or evaluate the capabilities of the disaster response system. It can take place in the location where the activity might normally take place, such as the command center or incident command post. It can involve deploying equipment in a limited, function-specific capacity. This exercise is fully simulated with written or verbal messages.
Full Scale Exercise	This type of exercise is intended to evaluate the operational capability of emergency responders in an interactive manner over a substantial period of time. It involves the testing of a major portion of the basic elements existing in the emergency operations plans and organizations in a stress environment. Personnel and resources are mobilized.
Hazardous material	A substance or combination of substances, which, because of quantity, concentration, physical, chemical radiological, explosive, or infectious characteristics, poses a substantial present or potential danger to humans or the environment.
Hazardous material incident	Any release of a material capable of posing a risk to health, safety and property. Areas at risk include facilities that produce, process, transport or store hazardous material, as well as all sites that treat, store, and dispose of hazardous material.
Hospital Emergency Incident Command System (HEICS)	HEICS is an emergency management system that employs a logical, unified management (command) structure, defined responsibilities, clear reporting channels, and a common nomenclature to help unify hospitals with other emergency responders. Information on HEICS can be obtained through the California EMS Authority at 916-322-4336 or on the website at www.emsa.ca.gov.
Incident Command System (ICS)	The nationally used standardized on-scene emergency management concept specifically designed to allow its user(s) to adopt an integrated organizational structure equal to the complexity and demand of single or multiple incident without being hindered by jurisdictional boundaries. ICS is the combination of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications operating within a common organizational structure, with the responsibility to management of resources to effectively accomplish stated objectives pertinent to an incident.

Iridium 192	Iridium-192: A radioactive isotope of the element Iridium. It emits beta and gamma radiations. Iridium-192 has a half life of 73.8 days (In 73.8 days one half of the starting amount will have decayed.). Iridium-192 is commonly used in medicine and industry. In both of these fields, the Iridium-192 is encapsulated in a small stainless steel tube. These types of radioactive sources are called sealed sources. The beta radiations are blocked by the steel tube. However, the gamma radiations are not. In radiation oncology Iridium-192 is used to treat cancer. The gamma radiations from the Iridium-192 are used to kill the cancer cells. In industry, Iridium-192 is used for industrial radiography. X-ray film is placed on an item and the radioactive source is positioned so that a picture of the interior of the item can be made. This allows the testing personnel to determine if the quality of critical welds meets standards, if metal has fatigue cracking, and other useful information. Typical industrial radiography Irdium-192 sources may have as much as 100 Curies of radioactivity when the source is new. Irdium-192 may be used in research and laboratories.
Joint Emergency Operations Center (JEOC)	A unified operations center established by the State Emergency Medical Services Authority and Department of Health Services to manage the State-level medical and health response to disasters including the use of state resources.
Local Emergency (State definition)	The duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a county, city and county, or city, caused by such conditions as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, earthquake or other conditions which are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of a political subdivision and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat.
Long-Term Care Facilities	A collective term for healthcare facilities designated for the care and treatment of patients or residents requiring rehabilitation or extended care for chronic conditions. The Department of Health Services, Licensing and Certification Division license these facilities.
Medical and Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC)  (Formerly known as OADMHC)	The OAC is responsible for coordinating mutual aid resource requests, facilitating the development of local medical/health response plans and implementing the medical/health plans during a disaster response. During a disaster, the OAC directs the medical/health branch of the Operational Area EOC and establishes priorities for medical/health response and requests. This coordinator was formerly known as the Operational Area Disaster Medical/Health Coordinator.
Operational Area	An intermediate level of the State emergency services organization, consisting of a county and all political subdivisions within the county.

Radio Amateur Civilian Emergency Services (RACES)	The RACES is a local or state government program established by a civil defense official. It becomes operational by: 1) appointing a Radio Officer, 2) preparing a RACES Plan, and 3) training and utilizing FCC licensed Amateur Radio operators. RACES (whether part of an ACS, or as a stand along unit) is usually attached to a state or local government's emergency preparedness office, or to a department designated by that office, such as the sheriff's, or communications department.
Radiation	There are three types of radiation:  (1) Alpha: The least penetrating type of nuclear radiation; not considered dangerous unless alpha-contaminated particles enter the body  (2) Beta: A type of nuclear radiation that is more penetrating that alpha radiation and can damage skin tissue and harm internal organs  (3) Gamma: Gamma rays are high-energy, ionizing radiation that travel at the speed of light and have great penetrating power. They can cause skin burns, severely injure internal organs, and have long-term, physiological effects.
Radiological Dispersal Devices (RDD)	A conventional Explosive incorporating nuclear materials
Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC)	The Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC) is the first level facility of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services to manage a disaster. The REOC provides an emergency support staff operating from a fixed facility, who are responsive to the needs of the operational areas and coordinates with the State Operations Center.
Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS)	SEMS is the emergency management system identified by Government code 8607 for managing emergency response to multi-agency or multi-jurisdictional operations. SEMS is based on the Incident Command system and is intended to standardize response to emergencies in California.
State Operations Center (SOC)	The SOC is established by OES to oversee, as necessary, the REOC, and is activated when more than one (1) REOC is opened. The SOC establishes overall response priorities, and coordinates with federal responders.
Status Codes	Green: Provider is able to carry out normal operational functions Yellow: Some reductions in patient services, but overall, provider is able to carry out normal operational functions Red: Significant reductions in-patient services. Emergency services only being provided.  Black: Provider has been severely affected. Unable to continue
1	any services

Tabletop Exercise	An exercise that takes place in a classroom or meeting room setting. Situations and problems presented in the form of written or verbal questions generate discussions of actions to be taken based upon the emergency plan and standard emergency operating procedures. The purpose is to have participants practice problem solving and resolve questions of coordination and assignment in a non-threatening format, under minimal stress.
Terrorism	The calculated use of violence or the threat of violence to attain goals that are political, religious, or ideological in nature. This can be done through intimidation, coercion, or instilling fear. Terrorism includes a criminal act against persons or property that is intended to influence an audience beyond the immediate victims.



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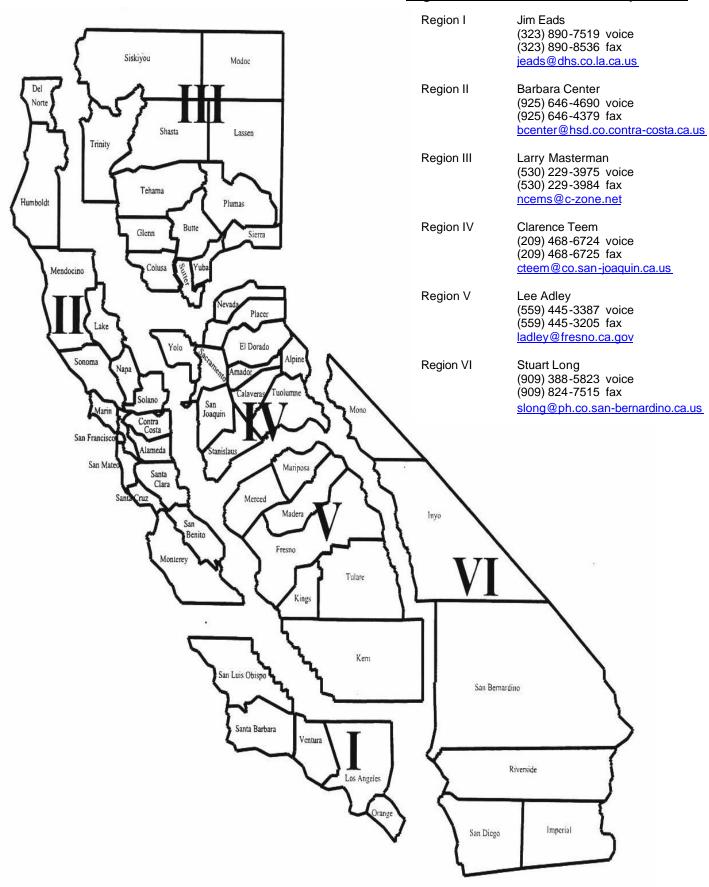
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#### **OES Mutual Aid Regions**

#### Regional Disaster Medical/Health Specialists



## **Auxiliary**

## Communications

**Systems** 

**Forms** 



#### **Use of ACS Forms**

As stated in the Executive Summary, these ACS forms are to be utilized to facilitate standardization of medical and health information and communication flow from the operational area to the region and region to the State during a disaster or in the event of communication failure. The forms included in this guidebook are not intended to replace forms, information or communication systems required by the operational area, medical-health branch.

The Auxiliary Communications Forms # ACS-001 and #ACS-002 are intended to be utilized when standard communications systems are not functioning, and information is conveyed through auxiliary communication systems. However, the data on these forms, based on the Response Information Management System (RIMS) fields, is critical information for the region and the State to receive from the operational area during a disaster. The ACS Planning Committee recommends that the operational area compile this data/information for communication to the region and state during all disasters, and not only when Auxiliary Communications Systems are utilized.

The **Initial Medical/Health Status Report** is recommended to be completed within two (2) hours after the event occurs. This form can be utilized for communication from the operational area to region and region to State reporting.

The **Expanded Medical/Health Status Report** is recommended to be completed regularly after the initial two hours of the event. This form can be utilized for communication from the operational area to region and region to State reporting.

The Skilled Nursing Facility, Clinic and Field Treatment Site Status Report is used to communicate from these facilities or entities to the operational area.

On the reverse side of the Status Report forms is a key with definitions and a facility functional status decision tree. It is recommended that when these forms are printed (Xeroxed) that the key is printed on the back of **each** form to promote consistency.

### Auxiliary Communications Initial Medical/Health Status Report

Initial Medical/Health Status Report Facility to Operational Area Form: CoCo ACS-1-HI Rev. 0, 9/2001				
Section I.			0000 110	2 1 11 1000 0, 3, 1001
	ame:		nator:	
	e/Time:			
	lable Contact Methods:			
Radio Fre	quency	Email		
Section II.	Status of Hospital (See defin	itions on re	everse)	
RIMS Code SR-8.b	RIMS Code Non Functional SR-8.c Pa	artially Functio		S Code 3.d Fully Functional
Section III	. Bed Availability			
RIMS Codes	Unoccupied Beds Staffed and Available	8 Hrs	24 Hrs	
RA 23 & 25	Total Number of Medical & Surgical			
RA 31	Total Number Critical Care			
	our and 24-hour numbers are independent nu ded for Medical/Surgical Patients.	mbers and no	t cumulative	totals, OB and pediatric
Section IV.	Estimated Casualties			
RIMS Code SR-7.a Maj				
Section V.	Medical/Health Critical Issues and	Actions Ta	aken	(Brief Summary of Most
RIMS Code SR-19				
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Section VI. Information Source(s)				
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Received by: _	Cal	I Sign:	Da	ate/Time:

## Auxiliary Communications Expanded Medical/Health Status Report Facility to Operational Area

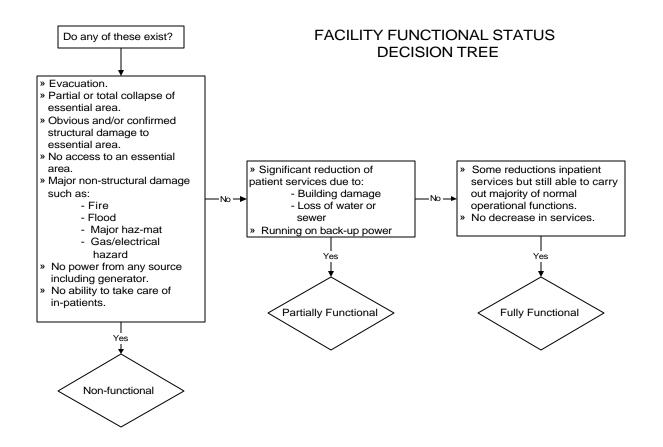
Form: CoCo ACS-2-HE Rev. 0, 9/2001

Section I.		
RIMS Code H-1 Facility	-	Originator:
H-2 D	Date/Time:	
	Available Conta	ct Methods:
Rad	dio Frequency	Email
Section II.	Status of Ho	spital (See definitions on reverse)
RIMS Code SR-8.b	Non Func	RIMS Code SR-8.c Partially Functional SR-8.d Fully Functional
Section III.	. Bed Availat	vility
	RIMS Codes	Unoccupied Beds Staffed and Available 8 Hrs 24 Hrs
	RA 23 & 25	Total Number of Medical & Surgical
	RA 31	Total Number Critical Care
Note: The 8-he Medical/Surgion		umbers are independent numbers and not cumulative totals, OB and pediatric beds are included for
Section IV	. Estimated	
RIMS Code SR-7.a	Maior#	RIMS Code SR-7.b Minor #
	Medical/Hea	Ith Critical Issues and Actions Taken (Brief Summary of Most Critical)
RIMS Codes SR-19		
Section VI	. Mutual Aid	Needs (Attach additional sheets if necessary)
RIMS Code SR-10.a M	Medical Person	RIMS Code nel: SR-10.b Medical Supplies:
RIMS Code SR-10.c M	Medical Transp	ort: Additional Sheets Attached
Section V	/II. Informati	on Source(s)
		Call Sign:Date/Time: Call Sign:Date/Time:

## Auxiliary Communications Skilled Nursing Facility, Clinic, Field Treatment Site Status Report Facility to Operational Area

Form: CoCo ACS-3-SNF Rev. 0, 9/2001

Section I.	
RIMS Codes H-1 Facility Name:	Originator:
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H-3 Available Contact Methods:	
Phone #	FAX #
Radio Frequency	Email
H-4 Type of Facility: Skilled Nur	sing Facility Clinic Field Treatment Site
Section II. Status of Hospital (See d	efinitions on reverse)
	RIMS Code C- Partially Functional SR-8.d Fully Functional
Section III. Estimated Casualties	
RIMS Code SR-7.a Major #	RIMS Code SR-7.b Minor #
Section IV. Medical/Health Critical Is	ssues and Actions Taken (Brief Summary of Most Critical)
RIMS Codes SR-19	
Section V. Mutual Aid Needs (A	ttach additional sheets if necessary)
RIMS Code SR-10.a Medical Personnel:	RIMS Code SR-10.b Medical Supplies:
RIMS Code SR-10.c Medical Transport:	Additional Sheets Attached
Section VI. Information Source(s)	
Communicated by:	Call Sign: Date/Time:
Received by:	Call Sign:Date/Time:

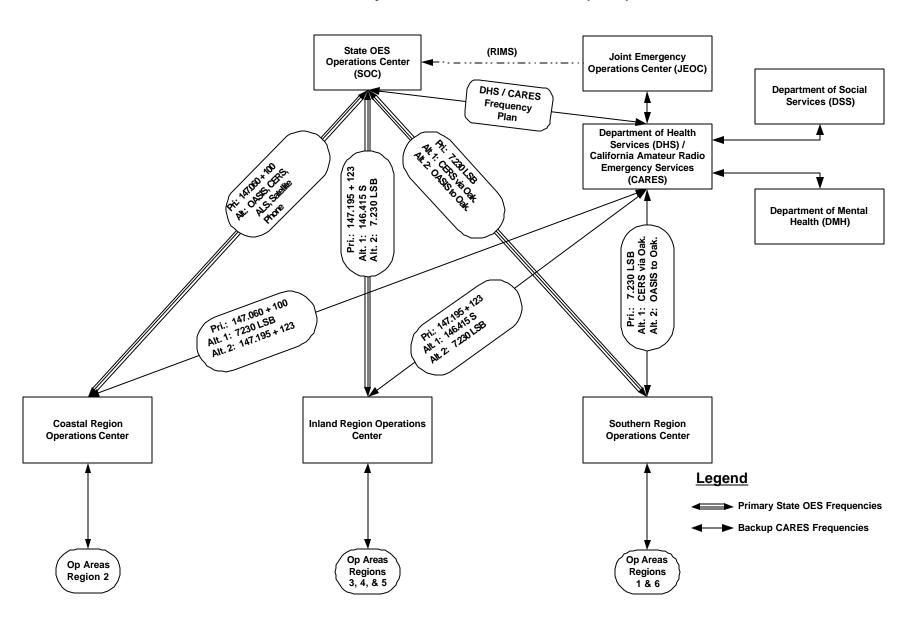


#### **Key/Definitions**

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Major Injury	An immediate threat to the patient's life or limb exists and medical intervention is required immediately, excluding deaths.
Minor Injury	No threat to the patient's life or limb exists and medical intervention is required within 24-48 hours
Facility Functionality	Not Functional: Facility is critically damaged or affected. Unable to continue any services and evacuation may be required.
(Note: when entering	Partially Functional: Facility experiencing moderate to significant reductions in patient
facility functionality, enter	services (significant building damage, loss of major utilities, inadequate emergency power).
total numbers of hospitals,	<b>Fully Functional</b> : Facility may have minor reductions in patient services but is still able to
not individual hospitals)	carry out majority of normal operational functions.
Medical personnel	Includes physicians, nurses etc., environmental services, public health, clerical
Medical supplies	Includes medical equipment, medical care supplies, water, food, generators, toilets etc.
Medical transportation	Includes BLS and ALS transportation-both land and air, buses and other types of vehicles.
Critical I ssues	This section is used to summarize the most important medical and health problems/and or
	issues confronting the OA. Enter information in summary form, be concise and brief.
Medical/Surgical	The number of available beds can include any bed in the hospital that can accommodate/be
	staffed for medical/surgical type patients. This number can include pediatric, OB/GYN
	and telemetry beds.
Auxiliary Communications	Auxiliary communication is a method of communication employed when standard
	communications systems (telephones)fail. Examples of auxiliary communications can be
	amateur radio, fax, RIMS, satellite phones, OASIS.

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